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there had been no payments out of the Universal Service Fund to wireless companies. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR BROMM: I...that is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Now, with regard to...the wireless companies, let's say they can access the Universal Service Fund, they then become subject to regulatory processes, billing...on billing, and service questions. There's a cost to investigation related to that. Are all of those costs associated with regulation, are those being picked up by the Universal Service Fund or are those being charged to the General Fund?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, are you talking about the cost of implementing the Universal Service Fund, looking at how those monies are being utilized, and looking for accountability from the company? Is that what you're talking about?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, there's that aspect of it, and then there's the aspect of responding to complaints, which I think is significant. And following up with complaints, dealing with companies on complaints, and that sort of thing.

SENATOR BROMM: I think, following up on complaints would be general...and I will double check this, but my impression is, that would be a General Fund obligation, or expense, out of the Public Service Commission. I will double check that answer to make sure I'm correct on that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Bromm, thank you for taking the time to answer all the questions.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no further lights on. Senator Bromm, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BROMM: I will do so, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Beutler, for the discussion. This is not an area that we get into that often, on the floor, and I think some